REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4-8 are pending in the present application. Claim 2 has been amended by the present amendment.

Claim 2 is amended to delete a paragraph that was inadvertently added to the claim in the previously filed amendment. More specifically, the Office Action of May 6, 2005, indicated among other things that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of this indication, the Amendment filed on August 11, 2005, amended Claim 2 to include all the features of Claim 1 and Claim 1 has been cancelled. However, the paragraph now deleted, was inadvertently added to Claim 2, although that paragraph was not present in originally filed Claims 1 and 2. Thus, Applicants believe that no new matter is added by the present amendment.

This informality has been found during a review of the claims before the payment of the issue fee. The deletion of the inadvertently added paragraph does not change the patentability of the claims because as discussed above, the Office Action of May 6, 2005, indicated that the features of originally filed Claims 1 and 2 are patentable, and the presently amended Claim 2 includes all those features. For the above discussed reasons, Applicants believe that the proposed amendment to Claim 2 does not require additional search or examination, and entry of the present amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested.

Also attached is a copy of Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed November 9, 2005 with certification and with the required petition. Formal consideration in the record of this IDS is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

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